(c) In pursuance of sub - rule (4) of Rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued directions to all the scheduled domestic airlines to charge tariff prevalent just before the pilots of Jet Airways went on mass leave, which were complied with by all scheduled domestic airlines.

Night landing facilities at Airports in Himachal Pradesh

1218. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide night landing facilities for Bhuntar airport at Kullu, Gaggal airport at Kangra and Shimla airport in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned to meet the purpose; and

(c) the current status of the proposal alongwith the time by when night landing facilities are likely to be provided at these airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already provided aeronautical ground lighting facilities at Kullu, Kangra and Shimla airports in Himachal Pradesh at a cost of Rs. 3.55 crore and have been put into operation in October, 2009. However, night operations cannot take place at these airports since flights operate to these airports under visual Flight Rules (VFR). Initiation of upgradation of these airports for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and related works for night operations is subject to demand by airlines in this regard.

Operational airports in Uttar Pradesh

†1219. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational airports in Uttar Pradesh at present and the locations/ thereof;

(b) whether any proposal for setting up new airport of International standards is under consideration of Government to provide the facility of aerial movement to the people of Uttar Pradesh and to promote tourism as well; and

© if so, by when the construction work of these airports would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are seven operational airports in the State of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow, Varanasi, Kanpur, Agra, Kanpur (Chakeri), Allahabad and Gorakhpur.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has considered the proposal of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for 'in-principle' approval for setting up of a Greenfield International Airport at Greater Noida and referred it to Group of Ministers. The Group of Ministers has desired a revised Techno Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR). The State Government has been asked to prepare a supplementary TEFR. In addition, the State

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